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Holocaust ignorance

RESEARCHERS revealed shocking levels of ignorance in Britain about the horrors of the Holocaust yesterday.

A BBC poll found that nearly half of British people have never heard of Auschwitz.

Of the 4,000 adults surveyed, 45 per cent said that they had never heard of the nazi death camp in which one million people were murdered.

Among women and the under-35s, the figure was as high as 60 per cent.

The BBC commissioned the survey before Holocaust Memorial Day on January 27, which marks the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

To mark the occasion, the corporation is to screen a number of special programmes, including a live event on the day.